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In re Application of: KIPPIE, David P.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed 11/13/2006, for which the three-month date for response is 02/13/2006.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any necessary fees, from Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00404US.